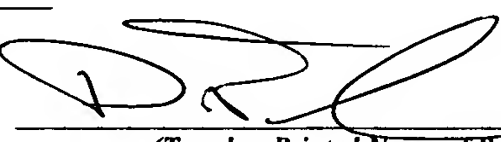

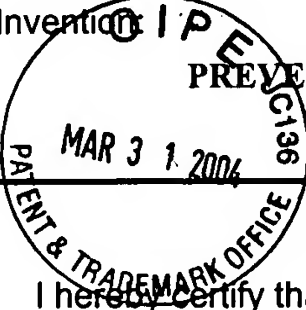
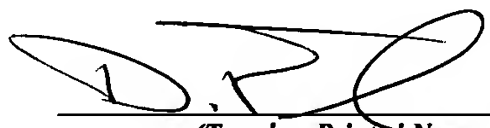
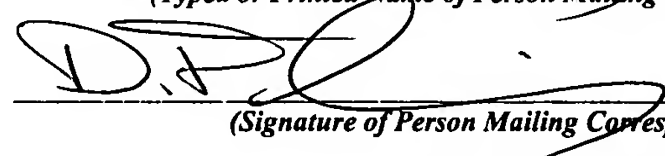


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c), applicants submit this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, submitting the art listed in the attached PTO Form 1449.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement includes the following three categories of references: (1) two U.S. Patents issued in the name of Applicants, namely U.S. Patent Nos. 6,407,082 and 6,444,658; (2) Neer et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,833,125 ("the Neer patent"), as well as documents from Applicants' related PCT application, PCT/US98/11737; and (3) the full Need reference (applicants previously provided a copy of the full reference with their amendment dated February 5, 2004, but with an Information Disclosure Statement).

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A. The Neer Patent

The International Preliminary Examination Report for Applicants' PCT application PCT/US98/11737 cites the Neer patent. A copy of the Report is included herewith. The report identifies col. 7, lines 16-19 as pertinent to one claim in the PCT application. The cited portion of the Neer patent reads:

A typical pharmaceutical mixed composition of the invention would contain PTHF in combination with a hydroxylated vitamin D compound or calcium in a form suitable for use as a dietary calcium supplement.

The Neer patent was cited only against claim 25 in the pending PCT application. The other claims were found to have novelty and inventive step over the references cited. (*See International Preliminary Examination Report, V.1.*).

Claim 25 of application PCT/US98/11737 reads as follows:

25. A pharmaceutical composition for inhibiting the conversion of non-neoplastic ovarian epithelial cells to neoplastic cells comprising a *Vitamin D compound* and a *hormone product*.

(*See PCT/US98/11737 submitted herewith*). Thus, claim 25 was directed to a combination of a Vitamin D compound and a hormone product. The International examining entity cited the Neer reference as showing that claim 25 lacked novelty. (*See International Preliminary Examination Report at V.1.*). Neer combines a parathyroid hormone, PTHF, with either Vitamin D or calcium.

However, the International Application also included claims directed to the combination of Vitamin D and a progestin product, specifically claims 26-34. Claim 26 is exemplary:

26. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 25 wherein said hormone is a *progestin product*.

With respect to the claims directed to the combination of Vitamin D and a progestin product, the International examining entity found both novelty and inventive step. (*See* International Preliminary Examination Report at V.1.). Neer does not disclose or suggest any use of a progestin product.

In the pending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/051,662 at issue here, claims 35 and 45 were the only two claims that broadly recited “a hormone product.” However, those claims are now amended to be more narrowly drawn to “a progestin product.”

The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement also includes the Initial International Search Report in connection with the same application PCT/US98/11737.

B. The Full Need Reference

In the August 7, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner brought to the Applicants’ attention the abstract of the Need et al. reference. Applicants submitted a copy of the full Need reference with their prior amendment of February 9, 2004. As explained in the Applicants’ amendment filed February 9, 2004, the Need reference does not teach or provide any motivation to make: (1) a single unit dosage of Vitamin D and progestin; (2) a contraceptively effective regimen having both Vitamin D and a progestin; or (3) any dosages for administration to post-menopausal women in specific dosages different from what Need used.

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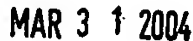
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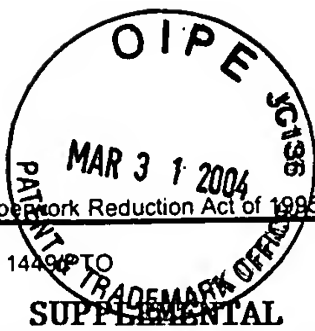
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